

THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS OF KANGLEIPAK (MANIPUR)

Before 1074 A.D. Manipur was divided into 32 divisions. Each division was under an officer. Each division was divided into **Khuls** (Villages). The divisions were the following.

1. Sharam Pak, Haopithel, Kouba, Kounu, Eren and Ekhai. The divisions was under the Nongthonba.
2. Shayan, Panmei, Chenglei and Luwang Een. This was under Thangshaba.
3. Ingen, Kha-Ing, Kayangto, Hanbamang, Leipungkol, Ngatenbi and Nungmai Chanam under the Lamleilakpa.
4. Chingmeirong, Yangamthel and Asheiwangbi under Kambong YAngamtan Khutheiba.
5. Haokap, Chingshang, Khunpham and Ngangjeng under Iradlangba.
6. Lambal, Khooirangpal, Laimol and Chakoi under Umu Khullakpa.
7. Kakol, Taothong, Singtha and Loimom under Okranba.
8. Thongak, Ngaprum, Marong, Meekokcha, Shilheiba and Kairam under Keikanba.
9. Lolloi, Leimarag, Haora, Angoushi and Arengkhong under Naikhulakpa.
10. Yaoro, Teitu, Chingap Phuba, Ishok and Langyam under Khwailakpa.
11. Wakching, Meikhu, Tilpal, Kaitong, Kakwa, Talpal, Thongtu and Thonglel under Yaiskullakpa.
12. Heipob, Shoutayal, Ingel, Toringkol, Leidang and Maikhong under Nakappa.
13. Thingurok, Uyalkol, Khunbi Narenching and Lamlen Karalthel under Naharup Lakpa.
14. Naopubol, Thongjao and Thongjao Lairokkol under the Konsaba.

15. Khakharaba Chingjin, Makaraba, Uyokkol, Kege Moirang, Nungbiraj, Ahuiba, Lathakol and Haotak Shanphamya under LAirel Lakpa.
16. Khukha Maithong and Changbi Leitem under Ahallup Lakpa.
17. Shugnu, Iwaita, Yangel Tampak, Tharei and Lamlei under Khundong.
18. Phumlen, Hapsa, Sharik, Nongchel, Katong, Karang Ching, Tokpa, Yangkhei Ching and Hitam Ching under Khumuta Hishaba.
19. Eekopal, Laoshee Thamlai, Yaoparo, Huithi Ching, Tangshi and Shotlai under Phamthakcha.
20. Kheiroi Chingjel, Mawai and Khamlai under Itaren.
21. Kakching, Thongjin, and Thawaibi under Hiyangloi Hanjaba.
22. Parashingthi, Khakhong, Laikhong, Aangbalam and Thamlangchal under Aheiba.
23. Shikhong, Nongtambi and Khoinou Langleithet under Yumningloi.
24. Eetok, Langyal and Hitathol under Shinaiba.
25. Wangkhei, Hikupal, Tenta Langyam, Mayairam, Shankat Lam, Noongkho and NUn glaobi under Wangkheilakpa.
26. Yenpot, Meikhuba, Ural Shachenba, Thongarangbi, Makting, Pairo and Hamlo under Khurailakpa.
27. Umtu, Waitu, Shampu, Ngallum, Yaoto, Kangda Ngacheithel were under Pukhranba.
28. Shachep, Lolmallang, Tumbi Laithou, Wakha Laitoi, Nungoi and Nungkol under Uiroi.
29. Ningna Khongba, Chingnangkhu and Chinganglen under Leichoi Lakpa.
30. Keikhu, Keirel, Lingbi, Waichei, Thangwai, Nongshakham and Khangjam Thel under Yummangloi.
31. Khomidong, Ungamlei, Khabangpat, Chawaibi, Waitol, Wairi, Tangkham, Leewapok and Choibi CHoiya under Chongkhanba Hanjaba.
32. Hanching, Manching, Kontha, Shalpal and Naga Khokmei were under Naipha.

The King of Kangleipak (Manipur) selected a prominent person from each of the 32 divisions. Each leader had an associate who was also appointed by the King. Thus altogether 64 members constituted the

Phamdous who sat in the Cheirakshang (Cheirap- Law court), the highest court of appeal.

But later on, since the reign of King Khagemba, the King appointed his relatives as leaders of some of the divisions. His 3 brothers became the Khurailakpa, Yaiskullakpa and Wangkheilakpa. Thus the spirit of 32 divisions broke upon the shore of reality.

NB.: The word PA was widely used instead of BA and GA as KA as. So readers are request to suggest for further improvement of the Note.

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